GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7057
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ENCROACHMENT AROUND PROTECTED MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the encroachment in and around the protected monuments in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Archaeological Survey of India has issued notices to the erring parties to evict their premises in and around the protected monuments in Delhi;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other concrete measures taken/to be taken by the Government to remove the encroachment around these protected monuments?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) Yes, Sir. Some of the protected monuments in Delhi are under encroachment.

(b) to (d) Appropriate action under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 and Public Premises Act, 1971 have been initiated by the Archaeological Survey of India for removal of the encroachments. In a few cases, the matters relating to eviction of encroachers from the protected monuments are pending before various courts of law. The details are at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) to (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 7057 FOR 12.5.2005

LIST OF CENTRALLY PROTECTED MONUMENTS / SITES WHERE ENCROACHMENT EXIST/ MADE FREE FROM ENCROACHMENT IN RECENT PAST IN DELHI

S. NO.	NAME OF MONUMENT/ SITES	LOCATION	REMARKS
1.	Kashmere Gate and portion of the City Wall on either side of the Kashmiri Gate on the side and on the other upto and including the water bastions at the northern corner of the wall and also including the dith outside. the City wall where this is exposed	Kashmere Gate	Action for removal of encroachment is under process with other law enforcing agencies.
2.	Lothian Road Cemetry	Kashmiri Gate	Encroachers have been issued as per provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains

Act, 1958 and Rules, 1959 and matter is sub-judice.

3. The Mosque | Qudasia Garden | The mosque has been encroached. The matter is sub-judice in Civil Court.

4. Purana Qila (Indraprastha) | Two miles south of the Delhi Gate of Shahjahanabad, Delhi | A small part of the protected area has been encroached upon by the priest of Kunti temple. The matter is sub-judice in the Hon'ble High Court for final disposal.

5. Rajpur (Mutiny) cemetery | Old Rajpur Cantonment, North Distt | Since long the cemetery is encroached.

6. Sunehri Masjid near Red Fort | Delhi Fort | The mosque is encroached since the time of its protection and prayers are being offered at the monument.

7. Tomb of Razia Begum in Mohalla Bulbuli Khanabeing | Shahjahanabad | The tomb is encroached and is misused by some members of the public. Action for removal of encroachment is in process.

8. Tughluqabad | Badarpur Zail | The matter is sub-judice in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for final hearing.

9. Begumpuri Masjid | Begampur | The encroachers have been issued notices as per the provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 and Rules, 1959 for further necessary action in the matter. and the demarcation report as per direction of the Hon'ble Court is awaited

10 Lal Gumbad | Chirag Delhi | The encroacher has been issued with notices as per the direction of the Hon'ble High court, action for eviction is in process.

11. Ancient Mosque | Palam | The mosque is encroached since the time of its protection. Prayers are being offered at the monument.

12. Sarai Shahji | Near Shivalik, Malviya Nagar | The part of protected area is under encroachment since the time of its protection. Besides, a Maulvi is using the mosque for running a madarsa. Besides above , some local persons have got stay orders to maintain status -quo from the Hon'ble High Court.

13. Arab-ki-Sarai | East Nizamuddin | Action for removal of encroachment is under process.

14. D'Eremao Cemetery | Kishanganj | Matter is sub-judice.